

AGENDA
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, 1:00 P.M.



Members: President John B. Troost, Vice President Janet Neal, 2nd Vice President John R. James, Commissioner Kecia Brook Weller, Commissioner Wan Chun Chang, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Michael G. Gureckas, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Alexia Teran, Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

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- 10.** Summary Report by Angela Davis J.D., Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the LA County Chief Executive Office for the month of August and September 2011. (11-3567)

County of Los Angeles

Disability Civil Rights Compliance Section

The following report is submitted by Angela Davis, Senior Deputy Compliance Officer for the County of Los Angeles, Disability Civil Rights Compliance Section.

1. The Disability Civil Rights Section (DCR) continues to work on its 2011-12 fiscal years goals. The current workload involves the creation of Barrier Removal Plans for County departments to maintain and/or increase accessibility for persons with disabilities.
2. DCR has completed the Extraordinary Maintenance Project at the Registrar-Recorder Headquarters in Norwalk. The facility has been renovated to include accessible counters at all public service areas,

compliant signage, automatic doors, accessible parking spaces, curb cuts and a new ramp at the primary entrance.

The Information below is provided in response to concerns verbalized by the Commission during your August 2011 Commission meeting.

Service Animals

The Department of Justice regulation concerning Service Animals was amended effective March 15, 2011.

Summary of Changes:

"The rule defines "service animal" as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. The rule states that other animals, whether wild or domestic, do not qualify as service animals. Dogs that are not trained to perform tasks that mitigate the effects of a disability, including dogs that are used purely for emotional support, are not service animals. The final rule also clarifies that individuals with mental disabilities who use service animals that are trained to perform a specific task are protected by the ADA. The rule permits the use of trained miniature horses as alternatives to dogs, subject to certain limitations. To allow flexibility in situations where using a horse would not be appropriate, the final rule does not include miniature horses in the definition of "service animal."

Accessible Voting

The Secretary of State has a new page for Voter Education and Outreach. The purpose of the page is to provide people with easier access to voting-related tools and information. The website is:

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter>

Some of the topics addressed on the site are:

Registration and Voting

- Register to Vote
- Vote by Mail
- Voting Systems Used by Counties
- Voters with Disabilities

Election Information

- Current Voter Information Guide
- Upcoming Elections
- Voter Bill of Rights

Resources

- County Election Offices
- Who's My Representatives

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis

Date: September 21, 2011